

Music Clubs Present Concert; Feature Yuletide Selections

by Sandy Stewart

Holiday strains will fill the corridors December 20 when the music department presents the traditional Christmas Concert. The Girl's Cantata, the Boy's Glee Club, the Choral Club, the Junior Chorus, and the orchestra will give four performances to send students off to their Christmas vacations.

Holiday Music, Gifts Add Cheer to Season

In keeping with an annual holiday tradition dating back to World War I, students again brought entertainment and gifts to patients at Kings County Hospital.

In each gym and hygiene class, girls had the opportunity to prepare decorated bags filled with useful objects such as soap, wallets, bed socks, and stationery. The bags, also containing pens, hard candy, and greeting cards signed by the nine girls who made each bag, went to patients in the neurology, neurosurgery rehabilitation and cancer wards.

Students able to play musical instruments, sing, or dance, entertained the patients, many of whom have had few or no visitors throughout the year. Heading the list of entertainers was Santa Claus, played by Alexander Butmankiewicz, who sang while his girl helpers distributed the bags among the patients. Mrs. Lillian Sehres was in charge of this activity and Mrs. Sirkka Johnson and Mrs. K. Wilner provided for the entertainment.

The Student Assembly also participated in the holiday program with its annual drive for funds from official classes. The money went to the hospital's Social Service Department.

For the holidays the art department decorated the art gallery, the chapel, the student lounge, and various other parts of the school in vivid Yuletide colors.

The Cantata, directed by Miss Caryl Segerstrom, will sing "O Magnum Mysterium" by Tomas Luis de Victoria and Dickinson's "The Shepherd's Story." Their third selection will be "In Dulce Jubilo" which is based on an ancient carol.

Name Selections

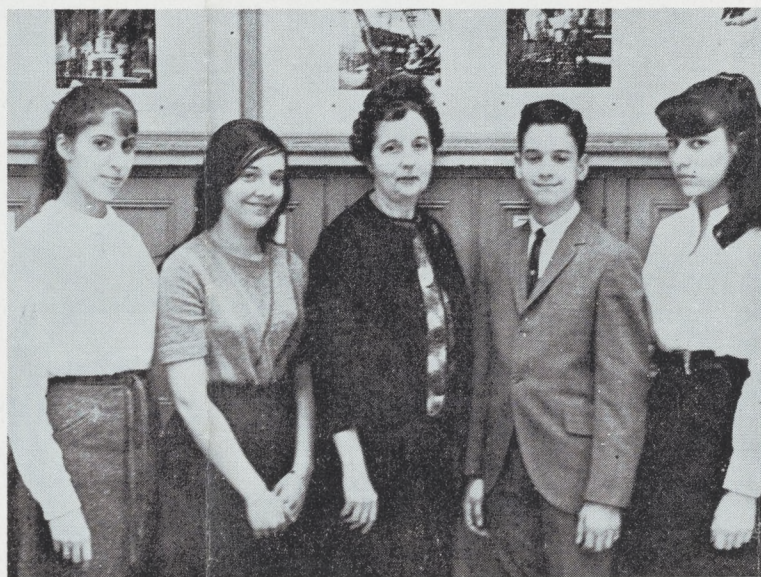
Mr. Joseph Albertson's Boy's Glee Club are busy rehearsing "Psalm 150" by Newbury, Leroy Anderson's work "Sleigh Ride" and "Little Donkey." The Junior Chorus plans to contribute "Pin a Star On a Twinkling Tree," and "I Hear Along Our Street." Mr. Charles Johnson leads the sophomore choral group.

Mr. Cosimo DePietto, chairman of the music department announced that the Choral Club will sing "Oh Be Joyful In the Lord" by Gretchaninoff and Menotti's "Shepherd's Chorus." The orchestra and the Choral Club will present the memorable "Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel. "Bourree" and "The Waltz from Sleeping Beauty" by Bach and Tchaikowsky respectively are the orchestra's other pieces. Mr. Martin Milella will conduct this year.

Feature Carols

All the groups will sing the traditional carols which are part of the Christmas program each year.

Mr. DePietto is optimistic about this year's performance. "I think we're going to have a good concert," he said. "All the choral clubs have been practicing very hard for a long while and deserve a great deal of credit."



Miss Everett congratulates winners Betsy, Diana, Stuart and Myra

Pupils on Book Talk Program Appear on Radio, Television

by Paul Witkowski

Every Saturday at 10:30 A.M. a panel of teenage book critics takes over the airwaves as WNYC presents "Teen Age Book Talk." Each program is discussion of a book, in which the author usually participates. Miss Margaret Scoggin of the Donnell Library is moderator of the program, rebroadcast over WNYE at noon on Tuesdays. She is also moderator of the related channel 31 television program, aired on Tuesdays at 1:30 P.M. and Saturdays at 6 P.M.

Faculty representative for "Teen Age Book Talk" here is Mr. Robert Stewart, whose job is selecting school participants for the discussions. "Those interested in appearing on the program," he says, "should submit applications to their English teachers, including their name, English teacher's name, English class, and special interests or hobbies."

Thus far this year, the second season of the series, eleven students here have appeared on "Teen Age Book Talk" or will appear soon. Included in the group already selected are juniors David Shakes, Jay Lesiger, Ellen Golner, Ed Linschmidt, and Steven Wolf. Comprising the sophomore group are Steven Cohen, Bruce Felder, Jane Berman, Paul Berman, Madeline Braner, Dobert Foster, and Richard Janowitz.

"Turkey Trot" Dance Success

In gayly decorated gym 57, a sell-out crowd of 200 juniors and seniors came to the Turkey Trot, on November 27. The Trot had a dual purpose. It served as a social function as well as a pre-game rally for our football game with Midwood.

Donald Moger on the guitar and Neil Pumper at the drums supplied the dance with live music. As promised, a turkey was given away. Al Lichenstein, a senior, was the winner. Shelly Goldstein received two tickets for the Erasmus-Midwood football game for holding another lucky ticket.

Ken Wolin, G.O. president reminded the students that they should support their basketball team. Mr. John Campana, G.O. advisor since 1956 spoke about school spirit. He urged the student body to participate in all G.O. functions.

Mr. Phillip Weiss, who will take over Mr. Campana's post next term, expressed his desire to maintain a strong G.O. with a full program of extra activities.

Council Cites Four Scholars

Seniors Myra Drucker and Stuart Rothenberg are recipients of the National Council of Teachers of English achievement awards for 1963-1964. Seniors Diana Ackerman and Betsy Kreeger have qualified as runners-up. All four students have received certificates, and the N.C.T.E. will send their names to accredited colleges with recommendations that these students be admitted.

Seven Seniors Qualify

Seven Erasmians qualified as entrants on the basis of letters of recommendation from their English teachers and their grade advisers. The N.C.T.E. asked each contestant to submit an autobiography and a sample of his or her writing. In addition, candidates took tests in literary awareness and composition. The students took these tests last April.

Miss Ruth Everett, associate chairman of the English department, was in charge. She selected the students to represent the school, gathered the required material, and administered the tests.

Three Edit Publications

Although none of the winners intends to pursue a career in the field of writing, all four are active members on school publications. Betsy Kreeger and Myra Drucker are both DUTCHMAN editors, while Stuart Rothenberg serves as an editor of the *Erasmian* and Diana Ackerman is a staff member of the *Arch*, the senior yearbook.

Out of 6800 high school juniors taking the N.C.T.E. exams, 435 were winners and another 435 qualified as runners-up.

Talent Search Tests Students

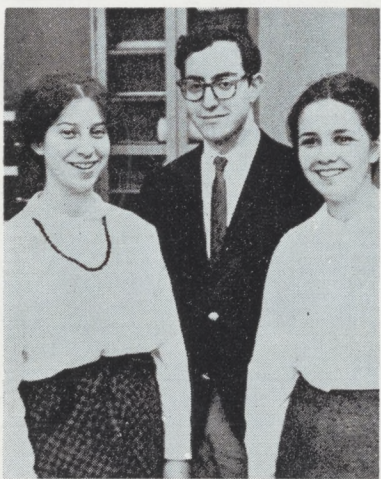
by Jeremy Chess

In an effort to maintain the school's national leadership, twenty-eight scientifically minded seniors took the examination of the Westinghouse Science Talent Search on Monday, December 2. In addition to taking the examination, each entrant must submit a report of his experimental science research project and a personal data blank.

Many students considered this year's 23rd annual test more difficult than those of previous years. Biology department chairman, Mr. Thomas G. Lawrence, who annually sponsors our future scientists, commented that, "several years ago when the school set a record for top winners in the country, there were also such feelings after the examination."

Some ten thousand students annually compete for the Westinghouse Scholarships and forty top winners share the coveted award of \$34,250. These forty national winners attend a five day science honor institute in Washington, D. C. Another 260 entrants gain honorable mention status in this most selective contest. Mr. Lawrence advised all interested juniors to "start work on their projects at an early date and thus avoid any later rush."

Arista Inducts New Members; Leaders Speak at Ceremonies



ARISTA HEADS — Laura, Jeffrey and Jane

Two hundred fine upperclassmen became members of Senior Arista, the nation-wide honor society, in the installation ceremony held in Chapel, December 3.

Dr. John F. McNeill, principal, presided at the candle-light induction, while Miss Grace Cory, administrative assistant, addressed the inductees.

Under the direction of Mr. Marks Bauch, Senior Arista faculty advisor, Jeffrey Rothenberg, boy leader, dis-

cussed the significance of Arista and girl leader, Laura Katz, administered the oath. Secretary Jane Lipsky aided with the lighting of the candles.

New members are: Herbert Kutzen, Dorothy Machnikoff, Dorothy Soicher, Anne Zysman, 8801; Rose Hilf, Eric Hochstadt, Eden Wallman, Sharon Winchel, 8802; Robert Friedland, 8803; Laura Abramson, Emily Aleyner, Margery Atkins, Christina Bauers, Larry Corneek, Lenore Goldberg, Simon Herman, Diane Kiken, Richard Leinhardt, Linda Lilienfeld, Philip Marx, Loraine Mittleman, Edward Newman, Arlene Paster, Naomi Reinhold, Richard Reiter, David Silverstein, Bruce Soloff, 7701.

Other new members are: Harvey Bordowitz, Carl Eisenberg, Jacqueline Goldman, Alyson Gould, Michael Heffer, Marsha Jacobson, Anton Krone, David Maisel, Ira Meyers, Sharon Mitrani, Donna Pella, Sheila Rashal, Madeline Ring, Zelda Rosenfeld, Madeline Shaw, Teresa Freibich, 7702; Phyllis Gomperts, 7704; Sandra Landau, Sheldon Metzner, 7705; Larry Geller, Harriet Kuszer, 7708; Patricia Accetta, 7709; Robert Cohen, Miriam Gott-dank, 7711; Karen Ross, 7713; Diane Berg, 7714; Dorothy Strauss, 7716; Martin Rosen, 7719.

Also: Amy Bergida, Ruth Breitman, Linda Cantor, Sonja Gideon, Michael Kantor, Leonard Keilson, Leslie Lewis, Merle Lewis, Louise May, Judith Schwartz, Stuart Sobel, Elaine Spatz, Gerold Sussman, Pamela Talkin, 7721; Meredith Jones, 7722; Jeremy Chess, 7723; Richard Kaufman, 7726; Idelisse Malave, 7727; Lynn Brooks, Kenneth Sobsey, 7728; Vida Cohen, (Continued on page 4)

Grades Plan Sing Activities; Choose Leaders and Writers

Musically-minded students in all grades are dusting off their imaginations and creative abilities as preparations for the annual March extravaganza, known as the Sing, move into high gear. "The beginning is always the most difficult part of the whole project," said Mrs. Sirkka Johnson, the Sing coordinator, "but as March draws near and the spirit of competition grows keener, the enthusiasm and energy of these students nearly reaches fever pitch."

Responsibility for keeping senior sing plans running smoothly rests with Barry Eskine and Sue Major. Junior sing leaders are David Shakes and Nancy Kopelson. James Sneed and Aurora Bilbao are at the helm of sophomore plans. In addition to

student sing leaders, each grade has a member of the faculty to serve as adviser and also a representative from the senior class to furnish additional aid.

Script committees are meeting once a week to set down in black and white what now are merely ideas. The skits, dances, and songs will be judged on the basis of originality and the skill of performance.

Except for 1957, the year of the Sing's inception, when the junior contestants took top honors, first place in the inter-grade musical rivalry has gone to the senior class. However, as Mrs. Johnson said, the main object of the Sing is not so much to win, but "to have fun."

Hail To A Texan

As the news of President Kennedy's tragic death flashed across the country on November 22, hundreds of millions of people could think of nothing else for the next several days. One man, however, could not yield so completely to his deep grief, because in one split second he inherited the responsibility of running this nation, and of 190 million lives. President Lyndon B. Johnson had the almost impossible task of conquering his emotions so that he could steer the nation steadily through its sorrow and bring it out just a little ahead of where it had been on November 21.

We salute the new President, giving him all the support that he needs. It is to him, who has shouldered seemingly insurmountable burdens, that we must now direct our attention, our cooperation, and our thoughts, for it was to us, his people and his chief hope for support, that the new President appealed on that dark Friday night. He felt the need to ask God for help at that time, and we have faith that President Johnson will lead us well in his gallant tradition.

Gifts or Spirit?

In an age of so-called "sophistication" the phrase "spirit of Christmas" has become, for many, merely a hackneyed cliché. The "quaint" habits of the past, when entire families would gather together to celebrate the Christmas holiday in a warmly decorated and laugh-filled home, bring only condescending smiles to our faces.

While we are not advocating a return to a 19th century, Charles Dickens' type of Christmas, we are asking whether the spirit we have substituted in its place is a worthy one.

Why should we experience an ever increasing sense of terror as the remaining Christmas shopping days unrelentingly tick off? Why should the Yuletide season merely be thought of as a time of increased business activity?

The real significance of this holiday season, which has a deep meaning for millions of New Yorkers, regardless of faith, cannot be the mere exchanging of gifts. At least during this time of year, material things should be a purely secondary consideration.

When Chips Are Down, British *Chips* Is A Hit

The most recent British export to the United States is a play, *Chips With Everything*, by Arnold Wesker. It is reminiscent of the Gilbert and Sullivan satires.

The opening scene reveals a Royal Air Force Station in Great Britain. A group of young men, of every conceivable size, shape, and personality, enter a bunk house devoid of everything except a huge radio, the pet of their fierce, but lovable corporal. As the new recruits learn the rules of formation marching and shooting, the audience rocks the house with laughter. It is provoked to such mirth throughout the entire performance.

The laughter, however, loses its heartiness, though not its ring of complete enjoyment, as the more serious message of the play emerges. Of all the rather uncomely, uneducated recruits, one figure protrudes as the epitome of culture, refinement, and brilliance. Pip Thompson is at first ridiculed by his fellow soldiers, but because he can tell fascinating stories about the French Revolution, they appear to respect him gradually.

Despite his repeated attempts, however, to assimilate into their ranks and to avoid becoming, upon "graduation," an army officer simply by virtue of his social position, Thompson cannot break out of his binding niche in society. The reward for his efforts is the enmity of the other recruits, and an appointment to the post of army officer.

Chips With Everything turns, then, from a side-splitting comedy to the more serious theme attacking the extreme class rigidity of Great Britain, existing even today, and even in the army. The class system, by its own nature, separates each level of society, and erects insurmountable barriers between them.

The play is superbly acted, and offers the rare combination of comedy and a thought-provoking idea.



Dutchman Editor Interviews Former Erasmian Editor

Alumna Recalls Years Here; School Unity A Fond Memory

by Myra Drucker

"I loved the constant level of activity in the school. To us, Erasmus Hall was a way of life. We didn't think about its reputation—we just thought of it as home." Dr. Doris Milman, child psychiatrist, clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at the Downstate Medical Center, and alumna of our school, seated in a large leather chair in her pleasant office, reminisced about the pattern of life in our school when she attended Erasmus Hall.

Novel Weapons Invade Market

Any Erasmian who has been in a store recently knows this is the height of the Christmas season. The shopping frenzy probably reaches its peak in the toy department. Here, the shopper finds a wide variety of gifts, ranging from small nuclear warheads to railroad empires that would make Commodore Vanderbilt spin in his grave.

One of the most amazing things is that most of the toys have a war theme, in one way or another. Some of our toy manufacturers have, apparently, created such advanced, "authentic" weapons, that the Pentagon doesn't even know about them yet.

On the other hand, some of our toys have become so accurate that they threaten to put the cloak and dagger men out of business. There is no longer any need to sneak around corners and down dark alleys. Any reasonably intelligent spy has only to walk into a department store and purchase a top-secret security breach. Another toy which is currently very popular is the self-control robot. He does all your bidding by remote control. He even fights for you. But remember this—if the robots ever organize a union, we are going to have a lot of trouble.

Although the Christmas season is great fun for the kids, it generally leaves the parents in a state of extreme depression. A parent's wallet, after Christmas, makes 1929 seem puny.

"I can still

—hear echoes of the wild cheers at the Erasmus-Manual Training Thanksgiving football game.

—see shadows of the academy building with its myriad corridors and innumerable outdoor fire-escapes leading to the classrooms.

—remember graduation—not on the campus, but at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

—recall a Classical language department as big as the Spanish or French departments of today.

What benefits has Dr. Milman gained from attending our school? First she told us, "In my professional career, I have done a great deal of scientific writing. The English training I received in high school has proved invaluable."

"The most important to me, however, was the sense of comradeship all Erasmians developed. In later years, whenever I met a fellow Erasmian, we always had something very important in common—teachers, school projects, or just enthusiasm for our school."

As we walked out of her office we were glad to be a part of the Erasmus Hall, so poetically remembered by Dr. Milman.

Kennedy's Ideals Live On

by Jonathan Silverberg

He was alive in the greatest sense of the word. His triumph over a wartime mishap and a disabling injury was an inspiration to the people he served so well in his short term of office. He always spoke with dignity, courage, humility and hope in the service of his country. The following are some of the high points from his all too short career:

"In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility—I welcome it. I do not believe that any of us would exchange places with any other people or any other generation. The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our

country and all who serve it—and the glow from that fire can truly light the world."—Inaugural Address.

"One path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender, or submission. Our goal is not the victory of might, but the vindication of right; not peace at the expense of freedom, but both peace and freedom here in this hemisphere, and, we hope around the world. God willing, that goal will be achieved."—Cuban Crisis, October 22, 1962.

"Now the time has come for this nation to fulfill its promise. The events in Birmingham and elsewhere have so increased the cries for equality that no city or state or legislative body can prudently choose to ignore them. . . . It is time to act in the Congress, in your state and local

legislative body, and, above all, in all our daily lives."—Civil Rights Crisis, June 11, 1963.

"According to the ancient Chinese proverb, a journey of 1,000 miles must begin with a single step. My fellow Americans, let us take that first step. Let us, if we can, step back from the shadows of war and seek out the way of peace. And if that journey is 1,000 miles or even more, let history record that we, in this land, at this time, took the first step."—Test-Ban Treaty, July 26, 1963.

"This is a dangerous and uncertain world. . . . No one expects our lives to be easy—not in this decade, not in this century."—Fort Worth, Texas, November 22, 1963.

This was the essence of the man.

Insect Sprays Create Acute Health Hazard

by Jim McCormick

Silent Spring, by Rachel Carson, is one of the most important books Americans can read. Although it was printed two years ago, it still affects us all very deeply, in the problem of chemical poisoning in the products we use. Miss Carson maintains that our health is in greater danger from constant use of pesticides than from all nuclear fallout.

The author's predictions for this country are, frankly, alarming. In the first chapter, she traces the history of a hypothetical community in America. Farmers in the area began to use pesticides on their crops. The next spring, no birds came to the feeding stations; no fish were left alive in the streams; no crops reached maturity. The entire community withered from the chemical poison.

In a recent survey, the United States Department of Agriculture revealed that in Western areas of the United States, chemical sprays, such as D.D.T. caused the death of one hundred per cent of the fish in nearby streams. In addition, the pollution of the water caused the deaths of wildlife and cattle who came to the stream to drink.

Miss Carson reports that in the midwest, the nation's breadbasket, there is a distinct link between the use of pesticide D.D.T., herbicide 2,4-d, and various forms of cancer.

It is still not too late for us to realize that we are slowly poisoning ourselves. Because of the importance of this book, it cannot be recommended highly enough.

Guidelines for Guidance

When I graduate should I go to college or to work? Most students find themselves asking this question; many have a reply, but many others do not. One way to get an answer is to visit the Educational and Vocational Guidance Office.

On arriving at this office, Joe Erasmus is greeted by Mrs. Ruth Ginsberg, Mrs. Fanny Spieler, Mrs. Dorothy Pohls, or Mr. Arthur Aranoff. Each one is willing and able to help him obtain educational or vocational information so that he may adequately prepare for his post secondary school objective.

Mrs. Ginsberg and Mrs. Spieler do educational and scholarship advisory work. Both guidance counselors urge all students to read the Educational and Vocational Guidance Bulletins. They are published weekly and contain scholarship and educational opportunity information.

Said Mrs. Ginsberg, "We are very happy that some of our students were accepted on the early decision plan, to the University of Michigan, Boston University, Goucher College, Mt. Holyoke, Smith and Sarah Lawrence. At least some of our students can be relieved of the tensions induced by the uncertainty of college admission."

Mrs. Pohls' task is to aid students in finding part time and summer jobs. In contrast to Mrs. Pohls, Mr. Aranoff provides vocational guidance to seniors planning to enter the labor market upon graduation. He also helps students to find full-time employment.

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Gridders Finish Without A Win; Last Loss 42-0

Midwood blanked the Buff and Blue, in the final fotoball game of the season, 42-0. Going into the Turkey Day encounter with a 7-0 record, the Middies remained undefeated, gaining first place status in Brooklyn's Division II. They also share city championship honors with Jefferson.

The Dutchmen's fate was not as good. They finished play with an 0-7 record, sustaining losses to Tilden, Boys, Lafayette, Lincoln, Tech, Madison and now Midwood. The team lost three of the seven in the final minutes of playing time.

Throughout the season, injuries greatly hampered *Dutchmen* efforts. Quarterback Marty Tillman hurt his leg in the Lincoln game, and was sidelined for the rest of the season. Fullback Bernie Buetti aggravated an ankle injury in most of the games. Others on the sick list included back Steve Caramelli and linebacker Ed Morreale.

On the brighter side, special noting should be given to Levern Spain, who did a fine job replacing Tillman, and backs Buetti, Bill Lancaster, Kenny Lee, and Tony Terranova, who thrilled many fans with their scampers.

Performing their tasks with equal skills were center Mike Walsh, tackles Burt Kimmelman, Pete Felcher and Mike Mangahas, guards Ed Morano and Barry Cohen, and ends Bill Stanback and Bob Duggan. Much can be said about the keen defensive playing of Morrison Mebane, Mike Monahan, George Yohe and Richie Greenwood.

Commented coach Frank Morogiello, "The boys always play their hardest all season, and never once gave up hope."

REMINDER:

All seniors must present both dental and medical certificates in order to be eligible for graduation in June. Hand them in as soon as possible to your gym teachers. Keep your health records accurate and up to date.

ADELE TOWBIN AL BADAIN
Chairmen
Health Education Departments

Good luck to the basketball team in the St. Peter's College Invitionals.

Mermen End Season; Better Prior Record

by Raymond Greenfield

Coach Alex Adamowicz's swimming team completed the 1963 season with a four and four record. This year's record topped last year's showing of three and four.

The mermen swamped Grady, 63-25, and then went on to defeat Boy's High, 55-40, New Utrecht, 58-32, and John Jay, 54-41 during the course of the season. They dropped contests to Lincoln, 53-41, Madison, 63-32, Midwood, 70-20, and Sheepshead Bay, 51-44.

"A great disappointment was the loss of our swimming pool, which was closed because of needed repairs," commented coach Adamowicz. "With the possibility of the completion of the repairs, we expect a better season next year." The team's home pool for this season was the Brownsville Boys Club on Bedford Avenue.

This was the last campaign for seniors Ron Carty, Bob Gelenter, Mark Grant, Steve Greenberg, Richard Kaiser, Pat O'Brien, Joe Stillwell, and Al Rocklin, who also performed the duties of manager.

Richard Cohen, Eddie Gold, Kevin Keefe, Matty Posnick, Steve Shubert, and Steve Waxman will return for next year's season.

On The Ball

by Bruce Goldwitz

Grid coach Frank Morogiello announced that tryouts for all freshman, sophomores, and juniors, who hope to make next year's squad will be held at the Parade Grounds, Friday, December 27, at nine o'clock sharp! It will not be necessary to bring equipment, except for sneakers or cleats, if possible. This will extend into the spring term. Any student with the desire to play football should make an effort to be there.

Coach Morogiello, thanking the loyal fans, commented, "I would like to express my appreciation to the many students who faithfully supported a losing team. I should also like to make known my sincere gratitude to Mr. Martin Milella, Mrs. Sirkka Johnson, and Mrs. Catherine Dorney for their magnificent support, and of course to all members of the band, twirlers, and boosters."

Congratulations to track manager, Martin Prince, on his seventh place finish in the City Hall to Coney Island 10.5 mile walk on Thanksgiving Day. The slight 5'10" red haired walker began walking in competition this summer. In this short time he has won a trophy and two medals, the trophy coming in the Thanksgiving Day walk and the medals in the Junior Olympics and the Long Island City walks.

In the Coney Island walk Martin defeated many experienced and well known walkers. Among them were last year's winner and an olympic representative in the 1956 games. He is looking forward to the Olympic Trials and the Israeli Olympics, the Maccabia Games.

Sklaren Breaks P.S.A.L. Mark; Rolls 726 Three Game Total

by Ben Turteltaub

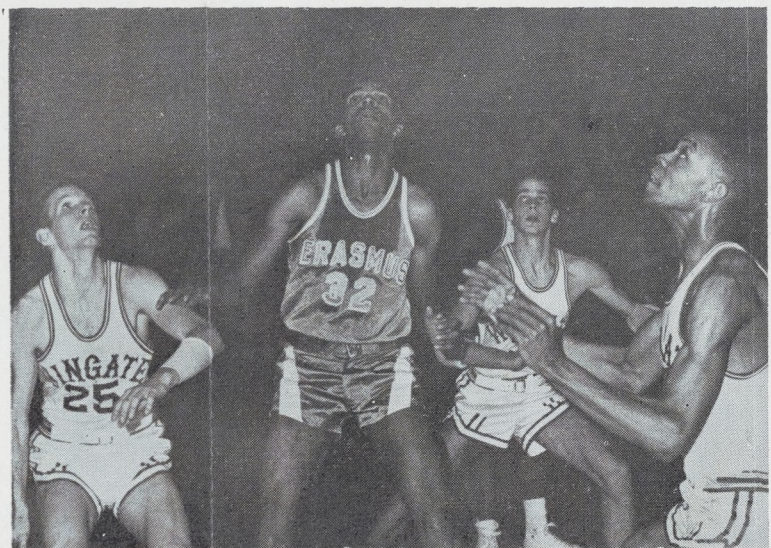


Ty Sklaren

The bowling team met with its fourth defeat of the season on December 2, losing to Wingate by a two to one score. In the team's previous encounter, the keggers demolished league leading Tilden by a three to nothing total.

In that match, Ty Sklaren rolled games of 243, 221, and 262 for a total of 726, the highest three game score in P.S.A.L. annals. Sklaren's mark

Cagers Defeat Wingate 59-54; Kerzner Sparks Squad In Win



Lee Jockeys for Rebound Position

Basketball Captains Hopeful; Predict City Championship Win

by Mike Goldberg

The Dutchman basketball team started strongly this year with three successive victories, and three excellent reasons are captain Albie White, and co-captains Stuart Kerzner, and Frank Standard.

Albie White is the big man under the boards; Standard, the leading scorer; and Kerzner the leader in assists and foul-shooting.

In response to compare this year's team with last year's, jump-shot artist Kerzner reasoned, "Last year the team members played in spurts. This year everyone has a good game at the same time. There is also more team effort this year."

With victories over John Jay, Lincoln, and Wingate, leading scorer Standard surmised, "Now we're in a tie for first place with Tilden and Jefferson. In two more weeks we expect to be in sole possession of the division lead."

To conclude the interview, the question was directed at captain White of how far he thought the team could go. "All the way," he answered, "I think we're the best team in the city. We should also do well against the other top teams in the East in the St. Peter's College Invitational Tournament."

Runners Erect Track; Team Points To Title

"It's going to be a better team than last year's undefeated division champions," remarked coach Mel Heichman while observing his charges practice for the indoor season meets.

George Aycock and Roger Lancaster are the new captains of the squad. Roger, a member of last year's championship 880 yard relay team is expected to improve greatly and possibly become the lead-off man of our traditionally powerful mile relay.

The team is pointing for the City Championships. They will try for either an individual or relay title. The first meet, the Bishop Loughlin Meet, which is the largest in the world will have more than five thousand entries.

Midwood Field will be their practice field during the indoor and outdoor season. In order to run during the winter the team is presently erecting a board track that was given us and Midwood by New York University.

"Sophomore track is moving along nicely and a gym class will be made," injected the coach. "The sophomores are now practicing before school at the Parade Grounds under the direction of Mr. Vogel. Next term a gym class will be held during period five."

Indoor Track Schedule

- *Dec. 14—Bishop Loughlin Meet
- *Jan. 18—Cardinal Hayes Meet
- *Jan. 25—St. Francis Prep Games
- *Feb. 1—Mayors Meet
- **Feb. 22—A.A.U. Interscholastic
- *Feb. 29—P.S.A.L. Indoor Champs
- *March 7—I.C.A.A.A.A.
- *102nd Regiment Armory
- **Madison Square Garden

by Steve Glusband

A spirited Dutchman five held off a last quarter Wingate drive to win a 59-54 squeaker on the loser's home court.

The cagers scored freely and led 17-9 at the end of the first quarter. The game tightened up when the Generals brought the score to 23-21 but the Buff and Blue opened the lead up with a four point burst at the end of the half.

The cagers retained the lead and had a 40-36 advantage when the third quarter buzzer sounded.

Action in the last quarter was fast and furious. With two minutes gone the score was knotted at 44-44. The teams matched crucial baskets and the score was again tied. With mounting pressure Stue Kerzner sank two jump shots that gave our hoopsters a lead they never relinquished. Two subsequent foul shots by Stue sewed the game up.

Kerzner scored 11 points in the last four heatedly contested minutes of play. Fine efforts were also turned in by Robert E. Lee and Frank Standard who scored 11 points each and contributed many important rebounds. Sophomore Coak Cannon and Oliver Shannon also performed notably. Kerzner led all scores with nineteen.

In the previous week's game, the cagers overpowered Lincoln 83-43. The hoopsters scored at will and dominated the boards. Frank Standard led the scorers with 16 markers and Albie White tallied fifteen.

The next opponent will be Midwood on Friday, December 20. The team will play in the St. Peters Invitational Tournament during the vacation on December 26, 28, 30.

Girls' Sports

by Carol Harris

Although unknown to many, our school offers an opportunity for conscientious and dedicated girls to join a well established club. This organization, called the Leaders Club, currently directed by Mrs. Ruth Wilner is available to all junior and senior girls. Its objectives are to develop leadership qualities in able students and to allow them to give service to both their school and the Health Education Dept.

Since its commencement in 1932, the Leaders Club has limited its membership to the Junior and Senior grades. This year, for the first time, the program has been enlarged to include members of the Sophomore classes.

The Sophomore girls will be called "Junior Leaders" and will be advised by Mrs. Anne Zaslau. They will be programmed into Junior Sports Gym where they will be given specialized training and instruction in many sports. To be considered for membership in the "Junior Leaders Club" the girls must have a 75 per cent Academic average; and 85 per cent potential average in Health Education this term, and recommendations from their present gym teachers. Each girl must also participate in one after school sports activity to qualify.

Eligibility for Senior Leaders Club will be decided, upon the successful completion of the Junior Training Program.

Thanksgiving Show Dancers Portray Pilgrims, Indians

by Ellen Eastman

Members of the girls dance gym, under the guidance of Mrs. Sirkka Johnson, performed for chapel audiences on November 26 and 27 in a program entitled, "Thanksgiving Past and Present." The presentation consisted of three dances depicting the changing moods of the celebration of Thanksgiving.

"The Thanksgiving Hymn," sung by a group of girls, to the accompaniment of Judy Rosenberg at the piano, provided the musical background for a spiritual pilgrim dance in modern rhythm. This peaceful celebration of the first Thanksgiving was beautifully illustrated by the choreography of Betty Ehrenpreis.

A fiery Indian dance, choreographed by Lois Friedman, was the scene of an early Thanksgiving, Indian style. Judy Rosenberg provided the music at the piano.

A good old fashioned American Square Dance captured the spirit of the Thanksgiving celebration today.

Mrs. Johnson and Esther Kanarek, added to the presentation of this program with their colorful and creative costumes. Jeff Schwartz and Robert Kalipetes provided the special lighting effects.

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Around Town

by Jim McCormick

New York is a melting pot. Each of our different national groups has its culinary specialties. As a change, why not give some of them a try?

If you're in Manhattan during the Christmas holiday season, you may want to try a few of our city's foreign restaurants. If you want Italian cuisine Enrico & Paglieri, located on eleventh street, between fifth and sixth avenues, offers some of the finest in the city. If you like French food, you will probably find Pierre au Tunnel, on Forty-Eighth Street, just west of Eighth Avenue, to your liking.

Luchow's at 110 Fourteenth Street is the best and most famous of New York's German restaurants. It is renowned not only for its food, but also its beautiful Christmas tree.

Keen's English Chop House, on West 36th Street offers such traditional English dishes as beef and kidney pie, and roast beef with Yorkshire pudding.

In addition to restaurants, however, New York offers many other pastimes. During the Christmas season, the Hayden Planetarium shows the heavens as they were at the time of the Nativity.

If you enjoy ice skating, and the spirit of Christmas, you can have both at Rockefeller Center. The skating rink in the plaza is open day and night.

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Space Gadgets Puzzle Viewer; As Santa Claus Exhibits Toys

by Paul Witkowsky

A series of grunts sounded from the chimney as we entered the room, and we ambulated over to investigate the source.

"What, ho!" we cried.

"Ho, yourself!" and down the chimney slid the mass of man fondly known to the world as Santa Claus. "Welcome to Magnolia Blossom. North Pole? It's all in the mind, but would you please turn up that thermostat a trifle? It's chilly in here."

Once settled in a monstrous easy chair, S. C. related at length his preparations for Christmas this year. The sleigh is registered, license SC-1963, the reindeer are registered, licenses NP 63 A to NP 63 H, old Red Suit himself is registered (passports and all that, you know) and in practice, and everything is A-O-K.

At last our host took us to the mailroom (Section B, Room 22), where hundreds of elves sorted letters. One pathetic little fellow, however, was sobbing in a corner, and S. C. asked him what the matter was, "Ah, 1576529!" was the reply.

"Oh," we countered, just as another tiny worker scampered in. "Drum machine 17 is out of order," he reported; then, puzzled, "Don't you recognize me, S. C.? I'm—"

Said the sage, "The face is familiar, but I can't place it."

Arista

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Harreen Lich, Rona Saks, 7731; Robert Lifschitz, Don Rivera, 7732; Kenneth Daniels, Maria Madera, 7733; Harriet Copeland, Elaine Rose, Susan Rosenberg, 7734; Jessica Phillips, 7736; Margery Lindner, Anita Schloss, Alan Tuchman, 7737; R. Gordon Charles, Sybil Rudnick, 7738; Reba Shimanovsky, 7739.

Also inducted: Jerome Gerber, Gail Karlitz, Bruce Kramer, Gay Malin, Monica Pierreponte, Ronnie Semel, Martin Sobin, Henry Temchin, Betsy Weintraub, 7740; Seth Banks, Robert Civiak, Sandra Hoffman, Robert Levine, Stephen Pine, Carol Weiss, 7741; Mark Arkin, Yehuda Band, Barbara Blum, Edward Brothers, Michael Bell, Ronnie Friedland, Bruce Goldwitz, Peter Gross, Dorothy Krongelb, Diane Levine, Iris Merker, Eileen Tandler, Ira Turkfeld, Jerry Wiskin, Stephen Wolf, Rosanne Zuckerbrod, 7742; Jane Segal, 7743; Kenneth Arstark, 7744; Leonard Steinfeld, 7745; Roberta Silverstein, 7747; Nancy Kolodny, Reva Steinberg, 7748; Lawrence Graber, Bonnie Viselman, 7749; Kenneth Lawrence, 7750; Sheila Mintz, Francine Zorn, 7751; Jack Zuckerman, 7752; Sol Barer, 7753; Mitchell Brownstein, 7754; John Tsantes, 7755; Ernestine Nadel, 7756.

Juniors admitted to Arista are: Maryha Shaffer, Jini Tanenhaus, 5501; Sheldon Finkelstein, Sandra Stuart, 5502; Steve A'pern, Jeffrey Klein, Marvin Liebling, Theodore Seidenfeld, Edward Sussman, 5503; Robert Adels, Valerie Shesko, 5504; Ellen Bolnar, 5505; Neal Strauss, 5506; Marilyn Allen, 5507; James Dinerstein, 5509; Marsha Frieda, Maxine Gold, Nancy Kopelson, Leonard Schwartz, 5510; Howard Spiegler, Jeffrey Tashman, 5511; Judith Goldman, Michael Horowitz, 5512; Larry Cohen, Rosalyn Frankel, 5513; Daniel Goldberg, Jonathan Kamholtz, 5515; Jeffrey Apton, Rosalie Boxer, Neil Mendick, Lynn Shulman, 5516.

Also: Neil Goldman, 5520; Marilyn Elkind, 5525; Robert Chalik, Leonard Dick, Helen Gunsher, 5526; Ellen Jay, Ellen Kaplan, 5527; Igal Strausberg, 5528; Carol Saturansky, 5529; Lisa Briskman, Jeffrey Simon, 5534; Frances Greenberg, Helen Greer, Laura Guldin, Diane Hirsch, Sara Kantor, Peter Stein, 5535; Barbara Kasof, 5536; Jared Hermlin, Harvey Rubin, Virginia Warren, 5537; Carol Abramson, Catherine Sansone, 5538; Rochelle Abrams, 5539; Marilyn Rosenfeld, Bruce Wilkenfeld, 5540; Paul Witkowsky, 5541; Robert Jossen, Arthur Mirin, 5546; David Zuckerman, 5547; Michael Gutwein, Harvey Masef, 5551; Roberta Greenwald, 5552; Gail Isikoff, Alan Radzin, Caroline Visco.

Team Captain A Top Player; Loves Tennis

by Miriam Gottdank

Anyone for Tennis?

Senior Bobby Lempert. His triumph this year in the Metropolitan Interscholastic Hardcourt Championship games established him as one of the top players in the P.S.A.L. Bobby, is captain of our tennis club, and has won the school tournament for two years in a row.

Although he participates in a number of other sports including soccer, volleyball, and ice skating, tennis is the game he really excels in.

"I enjoy the fresh air and good exercise the game provides," said Bobby, when asked about the reason for his enthusiasm about tennis. "I like to try out new strokes and I also get to meet nice people," he added.

Bobby, who came from Romania a few years ago, learned to play tennis there at the age of eleven. He is now a member of the Eastern Lawn Tennis Association and belongs to several clubs. During the summer he played in tournaments where he was a semi-finalist.

Aside from sports Bobby is also interested in math. He has traveled extensively and can speak Romanian, Hungarian, French, German, Yiddish, and English. He plans to go on to college and study engineering.

Chorus Sings At CTA Lunch

Members of the Choral Club, under the direction of Mr. Cosimo DePietto, performed before the Catholic Teachers Association at the Saint George Hotel, Tuesday, December 3. Mr. Charles Johnson played the piano accompaniment.

Before an audience of approximately one thousand people, the Club sang the numbers they will sing for the Christmas Concert on December 20.

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